

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON SALOP.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended December
1908.

To the Wellington (Salop) Rural District Council,
Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report of the state
of your District for the year ended December 1908.

I submit in Tabulated form Statistics of Sickness and Mortality
for the year.

The Mortality of the District shows 151 cases from all causes
as compared with 135 in 1907, Of this number 12 died belonging
to this District in the Salop Infirmary in the Wellington Workhouse
and in a private Institution Birmingham.

The table below gives the number of Deaths which occurred in the
three Registration Districts which I still adopt as Localities viz:-

Wellington (Rural portion)	111.
Wombridge.	1.
Ercall Magna.	39.
	<u>151</u>

The above total number shows upon the population of the District
a Death Rate of 13.2 per 1000.

In the table below I have classified the various diseases which
proved fatal during the year.

Measles.	2.
Whooping Cough.	1.
Enteritis.	6.
Phthisis.	8.
(Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	
Other Tuberculous diseases.	2.
Cancer.	12.
Bronchitis.	18.
Pneumonia.	9.
Premature Birth.	4.
Diseases and Accidents of Parturition.	1.
Heart Disease.	20.
Accidents.	11.
Suicides.	2.

All other causes.

55.

The table following shows the number of Infectious diseases which were reported to me and the number of deaths therefrom.

Diphtheria. Erysipelas. Scarlet Fever. Measles.

Persons					
Attacked.	5	3	7	219	Total 234.
Persons died.	-	-	-	2	" 2.

The comparative statement below shows the number of Notices received by me under the Infectious Diseases Notification Act 1889, during the past five years.

<u>1904</u>	<u>1905</u>	<u>1906</u>	<u>1907</u>	<u>1908</u>
121	204	43	223	234

Infantile Mortality,

The number of deaths of Children under 1 year is 22 as compared with 18 last year.

This gives an Infantile Mortality Rate of 78.9 per 1000 Births. 279 Births were Registered during the year in the three sub Registration Districts.

Sewerage & Drainage.

Below is a Report of the ordinary Sanitary work done in the District during the year as supplied by the Sanitary Inspector.

64 Houses Inspected.

12 Legal Notices sent.

20 Informal do

28 Notices Complied with.

23 letters written.

5 Deficient or objectionable Water Supplies Reported.

27 New Drains to be Constructed or Old drains to be amended.

15 New Closets to be provided or old ones to be amended in construction.


1 House damp or dirty or otherwise in a bad Sanitary Condition.

9 Offensive accumulations of all kinds.

24 Cow keepers and milksellers are Registered in the District.

24 Inspections have been made of the above.

1 Notice in reference to the above which was complied With.



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The amended Sewerage and Sewage disposal Schemes for the Parish of Hadley and the Village of Admaston have been in the hands of expert Engineers and will shortly be forwarded to the Local Government Board for approval.

It is now an acknowledged fact that the Sewage disposal Scheme of the Wellington Urban District Council is practically completed and it only remains to be seen if it will be successful in removing the long standing nuisance and river pollution. It is to be hoped that it may prove to be so.

The Council will have to seriously consider the Sanitary Condition of Ketley, as at the present time it is in anything but a satisfactory condition and the existing state of things should not be allowed to continue longer than can possibly be avoided.

Factory and Workshop Acts 1901.

There are in the District 9 Bakehouses and 29 workshops. 2 were found unsuitable or defective in Sanitary accommodation and both were remedied.

Bakehouses.	9.
Smiths.	11.
Pipe & Tile.	3.
Bright.	6.
Tailor.	3.
Boots.	3.
Dress.	1.
Joiner.	1.
Rope Spinning.	1.
	<u>38.</u>

Cowsheds & Slaughter Houses.

There are 24 Cowkeepers and Milksellers Registered in the District. They have all been Inspected during the year and generally found satisfactory.

There are 16 slaughter houses in the District and 131 visits have been made.

Epidemics.

Measles assumed an epidemic form during the greater part of the year and extended over nearly the whole of the District. It was

of a very mild character as out of 219 cases only two proved fatal.

The following Schools were closed in consequence of the Measles Epidemic viz:- Lawley, Hadley, Kynnersley and Bolas, Rodington Schools were closed on account of Whooping Cough and Longdon on account of Chicken Pox.

It is very satisfactory to Report that a good supply of Water for the portion of the Parish of Wellington Rural viz:- Lawley Bank is to be provided through Dawley Urban District Council and that the work is progressing rapidly towards completion.

It is very necessary to keep in view the want of a good supply for the lower portion of the parish which is quite as badly in need of water as the upper portion and I sincerely hope that during the coming year if you will be able to obtain a supply through the Oakengates Urban District Council.

Certificates for occupation of 9 Newly erected Houses have been granted during the year.

General.

The District on the whole is in a fairly satisfactory Sanitary condition and when the Sewerage and Sewage disposal Schemes for the Parish of Hadley and the Village of Admaston are carried out and the sanitation of Ketley improved better by a general Sewage Disposal Scheme or other measure adopted many existing nuisances will be removed.

I submit with this Report tables and Statistics of Sickness and Mortality in the District as required by the Local Government Board .

I beg to remain.

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant.

WM. THOS. HAWTHORN.

Medical Officer of
Health.

Holly Lodge.

Wellington, Salop.

24th. March. 1909.

